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ALA CONFERENCE REPORTED

Over 9,000 librarians from all parts of the United States assembled in Chicago, Ill., during the week of June 25 for the 1972 Annual Conference of the American Library Association. In numerous program and business sessions, institutes, luncheon and dinner meetings, awards banquets, and round tables, the delegates discussed matters ranging from library service to the disadvantaged to intellectual freedom.

The theme of this year's conference was "Media: Man, Material, Machine," and in addition to the many meetings, some 600 exhibits featured the products and services of book and magazine publishers and library equipment and furniture manufacturers; the Library of Congress mounted an exhibit, as did other academic and library organizations, the United Nations, the National Book Committee, and the U.S. Book Exchange.

Speakers at some of the various meetings included John Ciardi, F. Lee Bailey, and Mrs. Robert S. McNamara in addition to many representatives of the library world. Over 40 delegates from the Library of Congress participated in the Conference.

Beginning with this week's issue, reports by LC staff members on the ALA meetings will be printed in an Appendix to the *Information Bulletin*, see pp. A-111.

A librarian boomerangs his way to victory. See how in a story on p. 327 of this week's *Information Bulletin.*

REORGANIZATION OF TASK FORCE

The U.S. National Libraries Task Force on Cooperative Activities, formerly known as the U.S. National Libraries Task Force on Automation and Other Cooperative Activities, has been reorganized. The membership has been expanded, a structural reorganization implemented, and formal operating procedures adopted. Principal areas of investigation have been modified to conform to a new emphasis upon a broadened program.

Frank Kurt Cylke is Chairman of the Task Force. Martin M. Cummings, M.D., Director of the National Library of Medicine, and John Sherrod, Director of the National Agricultural Library, will join L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress, as members of a policy steering group. Dr. Cummings will serve as Chairman of the steering group for the first year. Plans call for the leadership to rotate on a regular basis.

Two representatives from each of the three national libraries will serve on the Task Force. Joseph Caponio, Associate Director and Samuel Waters,

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Deputy Director for Resource Development will represent the National Agricultural Library. Joseph Leiter, Associate Director for Library Operations and Betty Sawyers will act for the National Library of Medicine. Paul Berry, Director of the Reference Department, and Edmond Applebaum, Assistant Director of the Processing Department, will represent the Library of Congress.

Marlene D. Morrisey will continue to serve as liaison officer for the Task Force and the Federal Library Committee, assuming, as her other duties allow, additional responsibilities in program development and project implementation.

Principal areas for investigation have been identified as: (1) The relationship of the national libraries to a national information system; (2) cooperation in and coordination of public service functions, including reference, loan, bibliographic, and photoduplication services; (3) cooperation in and coordination of technical service functions, including (a) cataloging policy-procedures and classification, assignment of subject headings, determination of main entry, and descriptive cataloging practices, (b) cooperative catalog card distribution and cooperative production of book catalogs, (c) compatibility or convertibility of machine-readable cataloging data, (d) coordination of acquisitions policies and cooperative acquisition procedures, and (e) cooperation in the Serials Data Program.

The Task- Force will meet monthly and report regularly to the national libraries and to the library community.

SUBJECT CATALOGING EXPANDS

Two new sections have been added to the Subject Cataloging Division. The Children's Literature Section establishes and applies subject headings for children's materials and prepares descriptive summaries of the contents of children's literature. The Far Eastern Materials Section catalogs by subject materials in Far Eastern languages and selected materials in all languages dealing with the Far East.

The functions of the new sections have long been a responsibility of the Subject Cataloging Division but the establishment of the new sections accords them added emphasis, responds to requests from other libraries, and gives the organization of the division a better balance and more immediate control.

FORMER LC STAFFER TO RENEW LC ASSOCIATION AFTER 38 YEARS

What was it like in the good old days? Streetcar rides cost 8 cents, but if you wanted to drive or ride a bike anyway, you could find a place to park on any of the streets in the Library's block. A man who can remember these happy times is coming back to the Library after an absence of 38 years to help conduct a series of seminars on public policy issues for Members of Congress (see LC *Information Bulletin* for July 14, p. 313). James Matlack Mitchell, Director of the Brookings Institution's Advanced Study Program for Federal executives, is renewing an association that began in 1926, when, aged 16, he became a messenger and later a reference assistant at the Library, his first full-time job.

In 1926 the Library of Congress held less than 3 1/2 million books and the Main Reading Room, the nerve center of the Library, served not only books from the general collections but the Jefferson library and other rarities. The study rooms had not been completed and the entire collection was immediately available from the Reading Room. A reader usually received his book not more than 15 minutes after he turned in a call slip.

One of the Library's most distinguished alumni, Mr. Matlack has had a career in several fields—personnel work, Government, and administration. He continued to work at the Library until 1934 while attending evening classes at Georgetown and George Washington Universities, the latter of which awarded him an A.B. in personnel psychology in 1932 and an A.M. in social psychology in 1933. He later did postgraduage study during the year 1937-38 at the University of Michigan. He held personnel positions with Federal and other public agencies and managerial positions with the Civil Service Assembly of the United States and Canada before his appointment by President Truman to the post of U.S. Civil Service Commissioner in 1948.

At the time of that appointment, some of his former Library colleagues, already proud of his distinguished record, gave a luncheon for him at which Librarian of Congress Luther Evans disclosed that he had recently examined Mr. Mitchell's personnel folder. The long form on which efficiency ratings were then made, with pluses and minuses to indicate both job competence and personal characteristics, recorded that his supervisors had pronounced him "Excellent." His associates in the Reading Room were not surprised since, as one of them recalled not long ago "it was our practice to be excellent."

In 1953, when his term as Commissioner ended, he was named Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, a post he held from March of that year to December 1954. He moved next to the National Science Foundation where, until 1959, he was Associate Director for Management and Public Affairs. Mr. Mitchell has headed the Advanced Study Program at Brookings since July 1959, shortly after its inception. He has also served in these last 12 years as part-time consultant for varying periods to several Federal executive agencies, among them the Departments of Transportation, Defense, and Health, Education and Welfare, and the Civil Service Commission.

A lecturer, university professor, and writer on public policy matters, he has served on the United Nations Salary Review Commission, as U.S. representative, and on the President's Task Force on Personnel for State and Local Governments. From 1941 to 1948 he was Editor of *Public Personnel Review*. He was chosen by the Ford Foundation in 1964 to make a tour of several countries whose official language is English to determine the feasibility of establishing seminars similar to those conducted by Brookings' Advanced Study Program.

He claims to have hobbies—freshwater fishing and contract bridge—but it is difficult to see when he pursues them. His career seems to indicate that he is most fond of working.

LC CLAIMS BOOMERANG CHAMPION

F. Kurt Cylke, Executive Secretary of the Federal Library Committee, was a victorious participant in the National Boomerang Competition held on June 24.

The competition was the final segment of the Smithsonian Institution Boomerang Workshop, an annual three-day event held on successive Sundays in June. Sponsored by the Smithsonian Associates, the workshop focuses on the history and development of the boomerang. Participants view films, attend a workshop for instruction in making and throwing the boomerang, and finally compete using the boomerangs they have made.

Mr. Cylke, a left-handed boomeranger, placed third in the Adult Competition and, with his son Kurt Jr., 8, and his daughter Mandy, 7, placed third in the Family Competition. The prize—a championship model boomerang—was awarded Mr. Cylke by an official of the Australian Embassy who remarked at the presentation that "it is unusual for a left-handed boomerang thrower to do so well."

STAFF NEWS

RETIREMENTS

Clarence E. Brown, Senior Lieutenant with the Special Police Force, retired on June 25 after more than 44 years of Federal service.

Upon his retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1948, Senior Lieutenant Brown was appointed to the position of Private with the Library of Congress Guard Division (now the Special Police Force). He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on August 4, 1953, to Lieutenant on April 20, 1959, and to Senior Lieutenant on December 26, 1960. For further information on Mr. Brown's career, see the LC *Information Bulletin*, July 5, 1968, p. 359.

Senior Lieutenant Brown will be remembered as a highly able officer devoted to duty. As a token of their esteem, his friends presented him with a purse upon his retirement.

Two employees from the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, who worked for the Library's Engineer Force for 34 years retired on June 30. **Edward L. Ay,**

Head of the Engineer Force, and **Robert H. Greaves**, Foreman of the Air Conditioning Department, were honored by friends and colleagues at a retirement reception in the Whittall Pavilion on June 30.

Mr. Ay began his Library career with contract work as a Steamfitter-Helper on the Library Annex Building and the Supreme Court. On the completion of the Annex Building, in 1938, he joined the staff of the Architect of the Capitol in the Library as a Mechanic in the Air Conditioning Department. In 1942, he was appointed Foreman of the Air Conditioning Department, and served in that capacity until 1959, when he was appointed Head of the Engineer Force with responsibility for the maintenance of both buildings.

Benjamin F. Markert, Coordinating Engineer in the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, Mr. and Mrs. Ay, and Mr. Greaves at ceremonies in the Whittall Pavilion marking the retirement of Mr. Ay and Mr. Greaves.

Mr. Ay has worked closely with department heads and division chiefs throughout the Library and has become well known to nearly all Library personnel because of the many constructional changes and additions which took place in his tenure. He was involved in the change over from direct current to alternate current in both buildings, the installation of the air conditioning system in the Main Building, remodeling of air conditioning equipment in the Annex to utilize the Capitol Power Plant chill water system, installation of two-book carrier systems, the Capitol book carrier, cleaning of the exterior of the Main Building, the installation of a birdproofing system, the expansion of the cafeteria, and the many office and divisional moves such as Card Division to the Navy Yard, and probably the most remembered—the complete renovation of the Main Reading Room. Throughout all these seemingly impossible conditions and demands, Mr. Ay showed a never ending reservoir of patience and good humor, and this will surely be missed.

In the near future, Mr. Ay and his wife, Betty, plan to make their home in Florida.

Mr. Greaves started as a Mechanic in the Library Air Conditioning Department. In December 1942, he entered the U.S. Army where he served in Africa and Italy with the Allied Force Headquarters until December 1945. He returned to his former position and served in that capacity until he was appointed Foreman of the Air Conditioning Department, the position he held at the time of retirement.

Graham P. Singer, Loan Reference Specialist in the Loan Division's Loan Reference Section, retired on June 30 after 31 years of Federal service. A native of New York, Mr. Singer received an A.B. degree from Columbia University and attended the School of Library Science at Catholic University. Prior to entering the service of the Library of Congress on April 8, 1941, he was employed as a teacher and editor and in private business. He served in the then Reading Rooms in progressively responsible positions until 1944, when he was detailed to the office of Strategic Services Reading Room as a Reference Assistant. He transferred to a similar position in the Loan Division in 1946, where he was promoted through the ranks of his section to the position of Loan Reference Specialist in 1966.

Mr. Singer was well known for his intelligence, scholarly attainments, thorough knowledge of the publications of learned societies in the collections of the Library, and his remarkable production.

Elizabeth K. Dunne, Chief of the Copyright Office Cataloging Division retired on June 30, after over 25 years of Federal service.

A native of Orange, Mass., Mrs. Dunne earned her B.A. degree cum laude at New York University and her degree in library science at Columbia University. She worked as a Cataloger at the New York Public Library in 1938-1939 and then as managing editor of the H. W. Wilson Company's *Education Index* in 1939-1943. From 1942 to 1946, she held the position of Cataloger at the Hunter College Library.

Mrs. Dunne began her Library of Congress career in October 1946 as a Cataloger in the Copyright Office. She became Head of the Copyright Cataloging Division's Miscellaneous Section in 1951 and Head of the Book Section in 1961. She served as Assistant Chief of the division since September 1966 and was promoted in February 1968 to the position she held at the time of her retirement.

Mrs. Dunne has worked in all phases of the operation of the Copyright Cataloging Division. She has participated in the program for the general revision of the copyright law and is the author of the revision study on *Deposit of Copyrighted Works* as well as co-author of the study on the *Catalog of Copyright Entries.*

Pauline W. Pero, Supervisory Library Technician in the Certification and Sealing Unit of the Records Section in the Copyright Office Service Division, retired on June 30 after approximately 22 years of Federal service.

Miss Pero began her Government career with the U.S. Air Force in 1950 and in 1951 she joined the Federal Trade Commission. In July 1953, she came to the Copyright Office Cataloging Division as Administrative Secretary. Miss Pero helped establish in 1956 a systematic control of all correspondence, memoranda, and related material pertinent to policy matters affecting the Copyright Office. She was promoted to Supervisor of the Subject File Unit in the Materials Control Section, Service Division, in December 1956 and in January 1966 was promoted to Supervisory Library Technician.

Mrs. Karin Melchior, Research Analyst in the General Reference and Bibliography Division, retired on June 30 after more than 20 years of service with the Library, all in the Reference Department.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Mrs. Melchior received a B.A. degree from American University. In 1951, she was appointed to a position in the then Air Information Division of the Library. She joined the staff of the former Defense Research Division in 1960 and remained in that Division until assuming the position from which she retired.

AWARDS

Marian D. Hall, Analyst in Industrial Organization and Corporation Finance in the Economics Division of the Congressional Research Service was presented a 30-year Federal Service Award pin on June 22 by Lester S. Jayson, Director of the Service.

Miss Hall, a native of Brooklyn, was graduated magna cum laude in 1940 from Brooklyn College, where she was an economics major and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She has since pursued graduate work in economics at both the American University and the University of Southern California. Miss Hall's Government service began in 1942 in the War Department, where she was a historian until she joined the Department of Commerce as a Business Assistant in 1944. Moving to the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Department of Labor in 1950, she served as a Business Economist until 1953, when she became a Social Science Program Analyst with the National Science Foundation. She was appointed to the LRS Economics Division as an Economic Analyst in 1957, and has since served in progressively responsible positions in that division. Active in the American Association of University Women, Miss Hall is also the author of a number of articles published in government and scholarly journals.

Harry Perry, Senior Specialist in Environmental Policy in the Environmental Policy Division of CRS, was presented his 30-year Federal Service Award pin on June 22 by Mr. Jayson.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Perry received his B.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and the M.S. in chemistry and chemical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Perry's Federal service career dates from 1940 when he was employed as a Chemist with the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior. Following three years with the U.S. Navy in World War II, he returned to the Bureau of Mines in 1946 and from that year served successively in a variety of positions of increased responsibility, reaching the post of Director of Coal Research in the Bureau of Mines in 1963. In October 1967, he was appointed Mineral Resources Research Advisor in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Mineral Resources, Department of the Interior. In this capacity, he was involved with research and development relating to minerals and fuel resources and environmental problems resulting from their production and use. He also served as Secretary to the Departmental Energy Policy Staff. Mr. Perry won two Superior Performance Awards and in 1968 was presented with the Department's Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. Perry came to the Library in September 1970 and in his current position performs environmental policy research studies and provides consultative services regarding energy and environmental issues for Members and Committees of Congress. Mr. Perry is active in professional affairs, and has been a member of numerous committees established to investigate problems in his area of specialization. He is in frequent demand as a lecturer and has contributed widely to the literature of his field.

Grover S. Williams, Legislative Attorney in the American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service, was presented a 25-year Federal Service Award pin on June 22 by Mr. Jayson.

A native of Slatesville, N.C., Mr. Williams attended Wake Forest College where he earned his bachelor's degree with a major in history and government. Following military duty in the Army and the Maritime Service in World War II, he returned to Wake Forest to study law and received his LL.B. degree in 1947. He was first appointed to the staff of the Library in 1944, serving very briefly as an assistant in the Serials Division. He resumed his career in the Library in 1947 as a Legal Indexer in the former State Law Index Section of the Legislative Reference Service. Late in 1947, he moved to the Law Library as a Reference Desk Assistant.

Mr. Williams returned to the Legislative Reference Service in 1952 where he was promoted to the position of Legal Digester in the American Law Division. Following a second promotion in 1952 to a more responsible legal digesting position, he became in 1957 a Legal Analyst in the American Law Division. In 1966, he was promoted to the position of Head of the Bill Digest Section and Editor, *Digest of Public General Bills.* In addition to serving as Editor of the Bill Digest, he supervised the work of the congressional documents, committee witness index, voting records, and other related research functions.

Transferring to the general research section of the American Law Division in August 1971, Mr. Williams, in his present position, performs general analytical research and provides counseling to other divisions of the Service in connection with their preparation of reports which contain legal aspects or have legal ramifications. He is a member of the Federal and District of Columbia Bar Associations.

Neal L. Boykin, Supervisor of Deposit Copies Unit, in the Records Section of the Copyright Office Service Division, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on June 28 by Cicily P. Osteen, Chief of the Service Division.

Mr. Boykin came to the Library in August 1958 as a Library Assistant in the Service Division and later became Supervisor of the Deposit Copies Unit, the position he now holds. Before coming to the Copyright Office, Mr. Boykin was with the Bureau of the Census as a Property and Supply Clerk.

Three Receive Incentive Awards

On June 8, **Robert F. Murray** and **Gwendolyn S. Nathan** received Incentive Awards in ceremonies in the Librarian's office; **Clifton R. Johnson** received an Incentive Award on June 26.

Mr. Murray, a staff member in the Procurement and Supply Division, was honored with an Incentive Award plus a $300 cash award for his significant contribution to the initiation and planning of the Library's Sickle Cell Anemia Education and Screening Program. Mr. Murray's citation noted, "Your efforts focused attention on this health program and your participation in development of the program contributed to more than 500 members of the staff being either reassured or referred to private physicians or appropriate clinics as a result of the program."

Miss Johnson of the Information Systems Office

Mr. Murray, the Librarian, and William Rossiter, Chief of the Financial Management Office.

was recognized with an Incentive Award plus a $175 cash award for her superior job performance while she was detailed to the Personnel Data File Project during the period of September 1971 through February 1972. In her citation, Miss Johnson was commended for displaying "unusual competence in the quality and quantity of work and in meeting difficult production deadlines" as Team Leader of the clerical task force that collected data for the project.

Miss Nathan, Mr. Mumford, Miss Johnson, and Felix P. Krayeski, Jr., Management Analyst in the Administrative Department.

Miss Nathan, another member of the Information Systems Office staff detailed to the Personnel Data File Project, received an Incentive Award plus $175 cash award for her "performance of duties . . . in a manner which substantially exceeds normal requirements and displaying unusual competence as a data collection and input clerk" on the project. Miss Nathan was recognized as a "most productive and accurate keyer on the PDF project."

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Elmer W. Shaw, a staff member in the Environmental Policy Division of the Congressional Research Service, was noted in the May 24 issue of the *Congressional Record* for his poem "Skylines of Alaska," which was reprinted on p. S 8362. Mr. Shaw, a native of Alaska, was a Forester with the Bureau of Land Management in Anchorage at the time the poem was written in 1965. "Skylines of Alaska" was used by the Alaska Centennial Commission in a long-play recording produced by the Columbia Recording Corp. in 1967. Mr. Shaw has received many awards for his poetry.

Sarah Leslie Wallace, Library of Congress Publications Office, spoke on "Inspiration for the Future" at the closing luncheon of the 5th annual conference of the Church and Synagogue Library Association meeting on June 19. The three-day event, held at the new Baltimore County Campus of the University of Maryland, was designed to assist members and interested persons in organizing and developing effective religious library service for local congregations.

Church libraries form the most rapidly growing group within the profession, according to *The Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science*, Vol. 4, which states there are estimated to be about 40,000 church libraries in the United States. The Church and Synagogue Library Association was formed to encourage and aid these libraries in providing improved services. Membership extends into most states and several countries. It is open to volunteer and professional librarians, ministers, rabbis, publishers, and all interested persons.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

David A. Smith, Principal Catalog Editor of the National Union Catalog Publication Project, was appointed Assistant Head of the Project effective June 12.

Mr. Smith received his bachelor's degree from Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., in 1959 and his master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois in 1961. After having been an Intern and Cataloger at the National Library of Medicine, he came to the Library of Congress in 1963 as a Cataloger in the Serial Section of the Descriptive Cataloging Division. From 1965 to 1966, Mr. Smith served as a Cataloger in the English Language Section of the Descriptive Cataloging Division, and from 1966 to 1967, as Assistant Section Head and Supervisor of

the Cataloging Unit of the English Language Section of the Shared Cataloging Division. In 1967, he was promoted to Associate Catalog Editor in the National Union Catalog Publication Project. Since 1969 he has been Principal Catalog Editor of the Project.

Mr. Smith is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Phi Mu, and the American Library Association.

Appointments: David L. Arbogast, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, 4-600; Carlos R. Cardenas, clerk-typist, GS-4, Card, 2915; Richard C. Ehlke, legal analyst, GS-11, CRS A, 2707; Paul Hoshovsky, mail clerk, GS-3, Cop Serv, 10-200; Diane M. Meehan, clerk, GS-1, Cop Cat, NP; Josephus Nelson, librarian, GS-9, CRS C, 2499; Jimmie L. Owens, laborer, WG-3, Bldg Mgmt, 100-4; Natalie G. Perry, clerk-typist, GS-1, Cop Serv, NP; Caterina Rinaldi, shelflister trainee, GS-5, Subj Cat, 2850; Harold A. Shaffer II, cataloger, GS-9, Share Cat, 2745; Sara Stevens Stewart, assistant editor of catalog publications, GT-9, Cat Publ, 2849; Rena S. Tolliver, clerk-typist, GT-3, Photodup, 2-100; Michael W. Walker, mail clerk, GS-4, CS, 2986; Janet M. White, publications clerk, GS-3, Cop Cat, 2722.

Reappointments: Della R. Coulter, clerk-typist, GS-4, Preserv, 2877; Sherry M. Danley, card drawing clerk, GS-4, Card, 2832; Edward Jeffries, mail clerk, GS-4, CS, 2986.

Promotions: Linus P. Beck, to shipment clerk, GS-5, CS, 2920; George B. Bogounoff, to review and selection specialist, GS-11, FRD, NP; Harold S. Boyd, Share Cat, to assistant editor of catalog publications, GT-9, Cat Publ, 2849; Dorothy M. Coley, to assistant editor of catalog publications, GT-7, Cat Publ, 2849; Garnett Crossley, to senior reference librarian, GS-9, FRD, NP; James E. Glover, to card processing revisor, GS-6, Card, 2806; Donald L. Green, to analyst in international relations, GS-9, CRS F, 2883; Byron E. Harris, to invoice examiner, GS-4, Ord, 2735; Jean E. Perkins, to research assistant, GS-5, FRD, NP; Arthur John Rynearson, to foreign affairs analyst, GS-7, CRS F, 2879; Dagnija A. Sterste, to foreign affairs analyst, GS-7, CRS F, 2879; Gail S. Teamer, to assistant editor of catalog publications, GT-7, Cat Publ, 2849; Ellen B. Yaffa, Subj Cat, to social science analyst, GS-7, CRS Ed, 2693.

Transfer: Charles W. Tollefsen, Jr., Ser, to invoice examiner, GS-4, Ord, 2735.

Resignations: Mary G. Akguner, Cat Publ; Cecelia L. Brame, Card; George D. Brown, Cat Mgmt; Donald L. Byrd, Card; Steven Cosh, CS; Marie M. Doxie, CRS E; Pearl E. Farmer, Cat Mgmt; Shirley M. Ferguson, CRS A; Stephanie P. Hackett, Photodup; Patricia L. Kelley, Subj Cat; Sandra D. Scales, Cop Serv.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The WRA Choral Society will present a concert for the Summer in the Parks Program sponsored by the D.C. Department of Recreation at Seward Square between 4th and 6th St. on Pennsylania Ave., S.E., on August 3 at 7:30 p.m. A program of show tunes and original satirical numbers is planned.

James Scala and Kathy Alderson were married on June 24 at St. Ignatius Church in Temple Hills, Md. Mr. Scala is a Reference Assistant in the Union Catalog and International Organizations Reference Section of the General Reference and Bibliography Division and Mrs. Scala is a secretary with the Naval Research Laboratory.

Skip and Cleo Mabry are the parents of a daughter, Selena, born on Friday, June 30, at Cafritz Hospital. Mrs. Mabry is an Editorial Assistant in the Science and Technology Division.

ISO SPONSORS AUTOMATION SEMINARS

The Information Systems Office (ISO) held a Pre-Photocomposition Insert Program Class on June 5, which was conducted by Randy Harris of Automated Systems Corp. The class was intended to familiarize prospective users of the program with its capabilities and user requirements. The program provides an interface between data bases in the MARC and library formats and the Master Typography Program so that data can be formatted, typeset, and printed at the Government Printing Office.

ISO sponsored an automation seminar on Source Data Automation Technology on June 6. The seminar was conducted by Mrs. Romayne L. Potosky of the National Archives and Records Service who defined Source Data Automation (SDA) and discussed the problem of selecting the right device for a specific application. Mrs. Potosky emphasized the importance of automating data at the source as a by-product of routine operations.

On June 14, ISO conducted a Decision Logic Table Workshop as a function of the Automation Training Program. The workshop was led by Susan S. Marine of ISO who presented principles and techniques in the use of decision tables. Miss Marine discussed the elements of a decision logic table, conversion of a flow chart to a decision logic table, and the advantages and disadvantages of their use in management, communications, analysis, and programming.

An automation seminar on Film Optical Sensing Device for Input to Computers (FOSDIC): The

Original Computer Input Microfilm was held on June 15 and was conducted by Masey Volk of the Bureau of the Census. Mr. Volk briefly traced the problems of handling historical data from the first U.S. census taken in 1790 to the 1970 census. He discussed the available camera equipment and paper feeders as well as the general area of electronic scanning technology which is the basis for the development of FOSDIC.

Another automation training course, CICS Programming Workshop: ALC, PL/1 and COBOL, was conducted by Charlene Woody of ISO on June 19. Miss Woody was assisted by D. Lee Power in the workshop coding exercises. The workshop introduced programmers and analysts to CICS system concepts and coding techniques.

On June 20, a seminar held as part of the Automation Training Program presented a report on the GUIDE #34 Meeting. Among the topics discussed were the GUIDE #34 Meeting, by H. Tom Littlejohn, ISO, and James Graber, MARC; Computers and Information Processing Vocabulary–Paris Meeting, by Theodore E. Leach, ISO; the Spring Joint Computer Conference, by John R. Brightman, ISO; and Efficient Data Base Structures, by Mr. Littlejohn.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Accessions List: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei. Vol. 7, No. 4. April 1972. (pp. 86-115.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, APO San Francisco 96356.

Accessions List: Middle East. Vol. 10, No. 5. May 1972. (pp. 99-130.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Acting Field Director, Library of Congress Office, U.S. Interests Section, Spanish Embassy, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt.

Accessions List: Pakistan. Vol. 11, No. 4. April 1972. (pp. 26-33.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Consulate General, Karachi, Pakistan.

The Rare Book Division: A Guide to Its Collections and Services. Revised edition, second printing. 1965. (viii, 51 p.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at 75 cents a copy (LC 23.2:G93/965).

Subject Headings Used in the Dictionary Catalogs of the Library of Congress. January-December 1971. Supplement to the 7th edition. (283 p.) With an appendix of *Subject Headings for Children's Literature.* Supplement to January 1972. (7 p.) 1972. For sale by the Card Division, Library of Congress, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541, at $15 a year.

For 1972, the supplements to the 7th edition of *Subject Headings Used in the Dictionary Catalogs of the Library of Congress* will be published quarterly, with the first issue containing the subject headings for January through March and the three succeeding issues appearing as cumulations. The subscription price for the four quarterly 1972 issues is $30.

New Microfilm Publications: The Library of Congress Photoduplication Service has made available on microfilm the transcripts of the debates and registers of the Bundestag of the German Federal Republic (Item 1), and also as a separate set (Item 2), the supplementary material ("Anlagen") to the transcripts.

Item 1 consists of documents of the lower house of the West German Parliament, including the indexes, which form an indispensable source for research on the history, politics, and government of postwar Germany. Item 1 sells for $235 for 21 reels of positive microfilm of Vols. 1-49, and for $115 for 6 reels for Vols. 50-61. Vols. 62-72 will be filmed on a cooperative basis if other libraries are interested; the cost of positive microfilm is estimated at $197.

Item 2 is made up of daily documents such as legislative reports, reports of committees, reports of party groups on various matters, answers of Federal ministers to questions, reports of the action of the Bundestag in reference to legislation, and so forth. Item 2 sells for $740 for 52 reels of positive microfilm of Vols. 1-75, and for $450 for 22 reels for Vols. 76-112. Vols. 113-145 will be filmed on a cooperative basis if other libraries are interested; the cost of positive microfilm is estimated at $435.

Inquiries, purchase orders, or letters of intent pertaining to the above microfilm publications should be addressed to the Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Department C-68, Washington, D.C. 20540.

The Library of Congress has also completed the microfilming of the *Cairo Press Review,* which is published daily by the Middle East News Agency in Cairo and which contains, in English, major news items appearing in the Egyptian press with full and summary translations of newspaper articles. A positive microfilm copy of the *Review* for May 1, 1963-June 1970 is available on 96 reels at the cost of $2,040 from the Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Department C-9.

Press Releases: No. 72-50 (July 10) Library of Congress Congressional Research Service announces pilot series of seminars on public policy issues for Members of Congress.

Library of Congress Regulations: No. 213-12, page 2 (June 29) reflected a change in the organizational and functions of the Subject Cataloging Division, Processing Department; No. 2014-5, page 2 (June 29) concerned Inauguration Day as a holiday; No. 2015-16, page 4 (July 6) clarified the collection of fees by Library staff members while on jury duty; No. 2018-2 (July 7) redefined the Library's occupational health program; No. 218-1 (July 12) updated the membership of the Acquisitions Committee.

Special Announcements: No. 491 (July 7) announced the appointment of William Matheson as Chief of the Rare Book Division; No. 492 (July 7) informed the staff of the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Werner B. Ellinger.

NEW REFERENCE BOOKS

A Guide to Research and Reference Works on Sub-Saharan Africa, edited by Peter Duignan (Stanford, Calif., Hoover Institution Press, Stanford University, 1972. 1102 p.) has been issued as No. 46 in the *Hoover Institution Bibliographical Series.* This publication is designed to serve the needs of both librarians and students of African affairs by providing information about "African library and archival materials important in reference, research, and teaching."

The *Guide,* in preparation over a period of six years, was compiled by Helen F. Conover, a former member of the African Section, Library of Congress, and Mr. Duignan, assisted by staff of the Hoover Institution. According to the prefatory note, its "basic organization and some modified entries derive from Miss Conover's *Africa South of the Sahara: A Selected, Annotated List of Writings* (1963)," issued by the Library of Congress and now out of print. Both publications include a subject guide to Africa in general and a bibliography of works on the former colonial jurisdictions, the regions, and the individual countries of Africa; however, the newer work has two additional features—a guide to research organizations, libraries, archives, publishers, and booksellers with special interest in Africa, and a bibliography of bibliographies on Africa in general. The *Guide* has 3,127 numbered entries, many annotations, and numerous references to additional sources of information. Most citations are to materials in European languages, with the exception of a few Arabic and Afrikaans language titles. The emphasis seems to be on works published in the 1950's and 1960's, but there are also references to some earlier studies and a few issued in 1970. There is an extensive index to authors, editors, compilers, titles, subjects, and geographic areas.

The *Guide* is for sale in both hard cover ($19.50) and paperback ($8.95) editions. Copies are available for consultation in the African Section, General Reference and Bibliography Division.

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Who Makes the Decisions? was prepared by the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Washington (Washington, League of Women Voters Education Fund, 1970. 52 p. JK2725 1970. L4), and has been added to the Main Reading Room reference collection. The work describes the structures of the governments of the District of Columbia and the cities and counties of Maryland and Virginia which make up the Washington Metropolitan area. It goes on to discuss basic governmental services in such areas as planning, transportation, housing, public safety, and health, and to indicate the local and regional agencies and programs responsible for providing these services. A listing and description of regional decision-making agencies and a discussion of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments are provided. The work includes a bibliography. The Library's general collections include similar works covering other parts of the country prepared by local Leagues of Women Voters. [*David Kresh*]

Harold F. Guilland's *Early American Folk Pottery* (Philadelphia, Chilton Book Co., 1971. 321 p. NK4006.G8 1971) is intended as a reference manual for use in identifying and determining the uses of early American folk pottery. A broad view of the folk tradition in American pottery prefaces a collection of several hundred plates selected from the National Gallery of Art's Index of American Design. Each plate is accompanied by a brief documentary description of the pot depicted in the illustration and, wherever possible, by a discussion of its uses. Mr. Guilland's book is completed by an extensive bibliography and a detailed index. A copy of the work is in the Main Reading Room reference collection.

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